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Hon. Earl Warren, Chairman
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
United States Supreme Court
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chief Justice:

The American Jewish Congress wishes to commend the President's Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy on its action in rejecting the demand that Professor Norman Redlich be removed from the Commission's staff. We believe that the Commission's action has made a welcome contribution to the struggle to protect the liberties of American citizens.

We of the American Jewish Congress know Professor Redlich both for his personal qualities and for his vigorous and creative contributions to the cause of freedom. We repudiate emphatically any suggestion that he is ineligible to serve his government in any capacity because of doubts as to his loyalty.

In recent years, we have seen all too often the stifling effect on free discussion of attacks on public servants because of their political views. Every time action is taken against a government employee because of his political activity or associations, an additional restraint is placed upon freedom of discussion generally and, equally important, on courageous and independent thinking by those who serve our government.

By its firm action in this unfortunate matter, the Commission has strengthened the operations of the Federal Government and has nullified a misguided attack on the fulfillment of its own grave responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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